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Department of Public Works Newsletter



Summer 2017



Director's Message

Summer greetings, Waukesha!

What a great time of year it has been in the City of Waukesha. With all the festivals and live music and recreation options and great places to eat, the city has much to offer its citizens and visitors.

In this issue of the newsletter you'll find information regarding the **current street and utility reconstruction projects**, obstructions of **overgrown vegetation** into the right-of-way, important **"do's and don'ts"** regarding **garbage and recycling**, information regarding **Back-to-School with the Metro Transit** and much more.

We appreciate your reading our newsletter and also visiting our website for the latest information and updates.

Have a safe and fun rest of summer!

Dr. Fred Abadi, PhD, P.E.

2017 Summer Reconstruction Updates

With summer well underway, many road and utility projects are finished or are nearly complete. A few major projects have extended timelines until completion:

PROJECT	EXPECTED COMPLETION
N Grand Ave. and South St. Utility and Road Reconstruction (Downtown Waukesha)	Complete
Northview Rd. and N Grandview Blvd. Intersection Improvements	Complete
NW Barstow St. Utility and Road Reconstruction	Complete
Arcadian Ave. Utility and Road Reconstruction	Mid-October
Butler Dr., Greenway Terrace, Oscar St., Jefferson Ave. Utility Reconstruction	Early September
Meadowbrook Rd. Utility and Road Reconstruction (Part of the West Waukesha Bypass)	Late November
Alleys -#61 and #106 Paving and Resurfacing	Complete
Madison St., Comanche Ave., Crestwood Dr. Resurfacing Projects	Late August
Caroline St. Utility Improvements	Early September
W Sunset Dr. and Grand Ave. Traffic Signal Replacement	Mid-October

For all project updates, visit: www.waukesha-wi.gov/1129/Construction-Projects

DPW Crews Patching the Streets

The city Streets Division has been hard at work this summer doing asphalt and concrete patching.

This year, the city budgeted **\$215,000** for street patching and maintenance.



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Overgrown Trees and Bushes = Right-of-Way Obstruction

During the summer months—and year-round—property owners in the City of Waukesha are responsible for **keeping the public right-of-way clear from overgrown vegetation**, including bushes, shrubs and trees.

Overgrown vegetation in the right-of-way is a **hazard to pedestrians on sidewalks and motorists on roadways**. These obstructions may have numerous consequences: obstructions over the sidewalk affect pedestrians and obstructions into the alley or roadway affect vehicle traffic. Some overgrowth obstructs traffic signals or signs, creating a roadway hazard.

The sidewalks must be kept clear for all pedestrians, including the disabled. The **Americans With Disability Act** requires that public sidewalks be readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

On city streets, the right-of-way is typically defined from **edge-of-sidewalk to edge-of-sidewalk**. For properties without sidewalk, the right-of-way begins at the **edge of the property line**. Also, where there are alleys behind properties, the city right-of-way extends across from **edge-of-alley to the other edge**.

If a property's vegetation obstructs the right-of-way, the city may notify property owners of the obstruction advising they must correct it immediately. If a property owner fails to clear the obstruction, the city may take action to clear the vegetation for the property owner, who will then be **subject to fines and fees** related to the violation and cost of clearing.



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Clean Water Plant Laboratory

At the Clean Water Plant, we make sure the water is clean—under the microscope.

Like most municipal sewage treatment plants, the City of Waukesha's Clean Water Plant operates a state certified laboratory to ensure quality assurance for all materials coming into the plant and exiting the plant.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requires a monthly Discharge Monitoring Report in order for the treatment plant to maintain its permit.

To complete this report, chemists conduct daily testing of the influent (material coming into the plant), the effluent (material leaving the plant) and also take process samples of material within the plant to ensure the equipment and organic balances are operating at optimal efficiency.

Among these DNR tests are: a Biological Oxygen Demand test (measuring the nutrients and toxicity of the water), a Total Suspended Solids test (measuring how many particles are in the water), a Fecal Coliform test (measuring the amount of micro-organisms returning to the Fox River after treatment), tests for ammonia and phosphorus, and also tests for heavy metals.

For more information on the Clean Water Plant operations and services, visit www.waukesha-wi.gov/425/Clean-Water-Plant or call 262-524-3625.



City of Waukesha Clean Water Plant's state-certified laboratory



Scientist testing water

Follow Along with the Lake Michigan Water Project

Although it's not a Department of Public Works project, the recent approval for the City of Waukesha to acquire Lake Michigan water is of significance to the entire community.

The **Waukesha Water Utility** is the city department managing the current and future water supply in the city. The formation of the Great Water Alliance is a coordinated effort between the city and neighboring communities and partners invested in the project to ensure success.

Residents are encouraged to keep up with the latest updates on the project by visiting the Great Water Alliance website (below) and subscribing to the email newsletter. Also, residents are invited to the next **public information open house** on **September 6th at the Rotary Building at Frame Park (5:30—7:30 p.m.)**. Thank you to Water Utility for your work!

Visit www.greatwateralliance.com or call 262-409-4444 for more information.



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Back-to-School on the City Bus

It's that time of year again to starting planning everything for the school year... including how to get there!

Waukesha Metro Transit serves all of the **School District of Waukesha's middle and high schools**, as well as **other area schools** and **colleges/universities**.

For more information regarding bus schedules, fares, riding rules, and general information, visit: waukeshametro.com or call 262-524-3636.

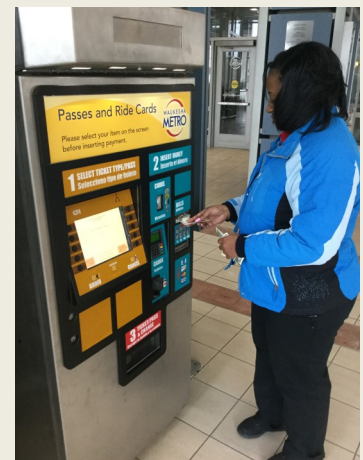


SCHOOL	ROUTE	SCHOOL	ROUTE
Carroll University	Route 4	Waukesha West HS	Route 6
UW-Waukesha	Route 8	Horning Middle School	Route 1
WCTC	Route 9	Les Paul Middle School	Route 4
UW-Milwaukee	Route 901	Butler Middle School	Route 7 and Route 8
Catholic Memorial HS	Route 3	La Casa Charter School	Route 2
Waukesha North HS	Route 7 and Route 8	St. Joseph's Middle School	Route 1 and Route 2
Waukesha South HS	Route 3 and Route 15	waukeshametro.com	

Where to Buy Bus Passes

Bus Passes and Ride Cards are for sale at local Metro Fare Outlets. For business hours, please contact the individual outlet location. Information on routes and schedules is also available at these locations:

Downtown Transit Center	212 E St. Paul Ave., Waukesha, WI 53188
Waukesha State Bank	100 Bank St., Waukesha, WI 53186
Pick n Save Locations	220 E Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189 1220 W Sunset Dr. Waukesha, WI 53189 2160 Silvernail Rd., Pewaukee, WI 53072
Sentry Foods	2304 W St. Paul Ave., Waukesha, WI 53188
Associated Bank	704 N Grand Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186
WCTC	800 Main St. Pewaukee, WI 53072



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Downtown Parking Permits For Sale

Residents who live downtown, work downtown, or are frequent visitors of downtown are welcome to purchase parking permits for either the surface lots or the downtown public parking ramps.

There are 13 surface lots in and around downtown and 2 parking ramps - the South St. ramp and the Metro Transit ramp (E St. Paul Ave.)

Surface lot monthly parking permits are **\$25/month** and monthly permits for the parking ramps are **\$30/month**.

Payments are due on or before the first of the month. Cash, check, Visa and Master Card accepted only at the Parking Ramp (South Street Ramp) location.

Surface lot permits are valid throughout lots No. 3, 4, 5, 8, 11, and 12, and in restricted areas of lots No. 1 and 6.

Surface lot passes generally go on sale after the 17th of the month for the following month. Ramp passes are available any time.

All permits must be displayed on the vehicle's dashboard to be valid.

The office hours at the South St. parking ramp are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.



Visit waukesha-wi.gov/439/municipalparking or call 262-524-3622 for more information.

Park and Go—And Don't be Towed

The downtown City of Waukesha parking ramps and surface lots are a great resource for city residents and visitors.

However, motorists are reminded **not to leave their vehicles sitting unattended and without being moved** for extended periods of time in the public parking lots.

Ordinance Chapter 12, Section 12.07 of the Waukesha Municipal Code states: "vehicles must be in such a state of physical or mechanical condition as to be capable of propulsion upon city streets or highways. Any vehicle allowed to remain standing on city property for **more than 72 hours** is deemed abandoned and subject to tow at owners expense."

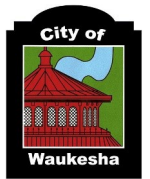
In other words, vehicles in the public ramps and surface lots that are parked for **three consecutive days or longer without being moved will be considered abandoned and may be towed**. Note: this **DOES** apply to vehicles with parking permits.

Thank you in advance to all users of the public parking for cooperation with this ordinance.



3rd floor at the South St. Ramp

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Garbage and Recycling—Important **Do's** and **Don'ts!**

When it comes to garbage and recycling, there are some important things to **DO** and **NOT DO**. These rules are important for workers' safety, program efficiency and saving tax dollars.

Do!



Label your carts (or alley bins) with your house number in the event they move on a windy day or storm. Use mailbox stickers for visibility and easy application.

Don't!



Do not put your recyclables in **plastic bags** (except for shredded paper in clear plastic bags). **DO** put all recyclables **LOOSE** into your recycling bin!

Don't!



Do not mix **trash** in with your recycling. **DO** learn what to recycle and only put those accepted materials into the recycling bin.

Do!



Put your carts (or alley materials) out by **6:30 a.m.** on your pickup day. AND bring your carts/alley bins **back in** the same night of your pickup day!

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Helpful Tips for Using Drop-Off Center

The City of Waukesha Drop-Off Center (**750 Sentry Dr.**) is a useful resource for City of Waukesha residents. In order to keep the operation running smoothly, residents are reminded of these helpful tips :



View from Drop-Off Center security camera

- 1) Please always have **photo ID** ready to show at the booth verifying your City of Waukesha residency. We strive to check everyone's ID, even longtime city residents.
- 2) Please bring **cash or check** for payment for disposal (credit cards not accepted). Small bills (\$1's, \$5s, and \$10's) are much appreciated.
- 3) Please do **NOT block the trail/sidewalk** at the entrance to center. The trail must be clear for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- 4) Please **drive slowly** through the Drop-Off Center. Keep in mind the safety of both the workers and customers.
- 5) Please be mindful of **instructions given by workers**. The workers are there to manage the site operations as effectively as possible and have important directions to give residents.
- 6) Please do **NOT use hydraulic/mechanical lifts** from trucks or trailers. All beds of trucks and trailers must remain down.
- 7) Please do **NOT use work vehicles**—please use personal vehicles. No contractors or businesses allowed.
- 8) Note that we do **NOT** take dirt, sod, rocks/gravel/sand, or grass clippings.
- 9) Note that we do **NOT** take weekly garbage under any circumstances.
- 10) Note that the center is **NOT** meant for consistent weekly trips of trash disposal. **ONLY** occasional remodeling or major clean-out projects from your house in the City of Waukesha. (Frequent yard waste and branches visits from are OK!)

For more information, visit: www.waukesha-wi.gov/789/Drop-Off-Center

DPW Frequently Asked Questions!

Q: How do I get a wheel or the lid fixed on my garbage or recycling cart?

A: If your cart was damaged during servicing (the garbage or recycle truck lifting and setting back down the cart), you may call in for a free repair of the wheel or lid. Call Advanced Disposal residential customer service at **262-367-6040**. Start by saying you're a "City of Waukesha resident needing a fix on my [trash or recycle] cart." They will get the details from there!

Q: How do I properly recycle a TV or other electronics?

A: Per Wisconsin law, TVs and certain other electronics must be turned in for electronics recycling. But, they may NOT be placed in your household recycling bin or set out for pickup. Instead, bring these items to a drop off event or official TV/electronics recycling collector. Visit: www.waukesha-wi.gov/784/Recycling-and-Solid-Waste for more information.

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